

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **RESKE HELPS PASS BIPARTISAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL**

INDIANAPOLIS -- State Rep. Scott Reske (D - Pendleton) played a prominent role in the passage of House Bill 1003, an important economic development bill that has been identified as one of the top priorities of Gov. Mitch Daniels.

Reske signed on to co-author the bill at the request of Gov. Daniels.

House Bill 1003 speeds up the transition of supervision of economic development programs to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), a board comprised of 12 members with the governor as chairperson. Other economic programs -- such as tourism, community development, and energy -- will be overseen by the Lieutenant Governor.

Overall, the goal of House Bill 1003 is to streamline Indiana's economic boards and committees into one group, minimizing bureaucracy and eliminating the overlapping duties of multiple boards.

"My main concern was to make sure the IEDC is operated in the open with full accountability to the public, while giving it flexibility," said Reske.

Under Govs. O'Bannon and Kernan, the Indiana General Assembly passed both tax restructuring legislation and Energize Indiana, making Indiana the only state to pass legislation on both tax restructuring and economic development in successive sessions. The Democrats have continued to show their support for economic development in this session as well by helping pass House Bill 1003.

"Economic development is an issue that is important to both sides of the aisle, Republicans and Democrats alike," said Reske. "It is necessary that we work together to get something done to stay competitive with other states."

House Bill 1003 passed the House with a vote of 79-19. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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